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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I work for a small business that not only is working to bring telecommunications to small, rural communities but we also support small companies such as Gorge Networks. Gorge Networks will be gravely impacted by the recent petition submitted by US Telecom Association that threatens the opportunities allowed by the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

We should be supporting small businesses and focusing on building up our community partners. This petition would go against core values that I believe in as a small business staff member.

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